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AGING NETWORK NEWS

Older Americans Month Highlights Choices for Independence

Older Americans Month arrives every May. Older Americans Month originated with a Presidential proclamation in May, 1963. The theme for this year's Older Americans Month "Choices for Independence."

Older Americans Month 2006 is happening as the first Baby Boomers (the generation born between 1946 and 1964) are celebrating their 60th birthdays. According to the US Census, as many as 78 million people constitute the baby boom generation, and they will have a revolutionary impact on our society. Also, 16 percent of Michigan's citizens today are age 60 or older, and our state will see continued increases in this part of the population, as well as among those reaching age 85 and older.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm has signed a proclamation declaring May, 2006 as Older Americans Month in Michigan. It recognizes the experience and commitments of our elders, and it asks Michigan residents to celebrate their contributions to our state.

For more information about Older Americans Month, go to www.aoa.gov or call OSA at 517/373-8230.

Nominations Requested for Senior Citizen of the Year Awards

The Commission on Services to the Aging and OSA are now accepting nominations for 2006 Senior Citizen of the Year Awards. As in past years, two elders will be recognized for their outstanding contributions to Michigan in two categories: leadership in the community and service provided to others.

To be considered for an award, a nominee must be age 60 or older at the time of nomination. Selection of award-winners will be determined primarily according to service or leadership contributed during the past year. Awards will be presented during an award ceremony **August 28** on Seniors' Day at the Michigan State Fair in **Detroit**.

To obtain a nomination form, call OSA (517/373-8230). Nomination forms also can be downloaded at www.miseniors.net. Nominations must be submitted by **July 7** to OSA, (c/o Senior Citizen of the Year Awards Program, P.O. Box 30676, Lansing, 48909-8176). All nominations must be submitted by an organization. Organizations may submit one nomination in each category, but only one nomination per nominee.

For more information, call **Karen Carroll** at OSA (517/373-8230) or e-mail her at carrollk@michigan.gov.

Surgeon General Sponsors Step Up Website

A valuable website is available for you to access a wealth of information about adult exercise and wellness, including specific recommendations for elders.

Go to www.michiganstepsup.org. This will take you to the "Michigan Surgeon General Michigan Steps Up" homepage. Then click on "People" on the left side of the page. Then click on "Move More," and then "Seniors" (both on the left side of the page).

People of all ages can lose their ability to do things on their own. For senior adults, often it is because they have become less active, and have lost ground in areas of endurance, strength, balance and flexibility.

The www.michiganstepsup.org website provides readers with a number of important options. They can create a personal plan to help step up to healthy aging by helping them set goals for moving more, eating better, stopping smoking, and even cutting out second-hand smoke. They can take a confidential Assessment Quiz, and access Personal Plan Tools to assist with setting personal goals.

This website also provides links to related information, such as Exercise: A Guide from the National Institute on Aging (a comprehensive exercise program for senior adults); Stronger Longer: A Fitness Guide for Older Adults (from the Michigan Governor's Council on Physical Fitness on how to get senior adults started on aerobic movement, flexibility and strength building exercises); OSA Nutrition Counseling Services; AARP Eating Well; and a Guide for Better Nutritional Health, and a Nutritional Health Checklist from the New York State Office on Aging.

Website readers can use this website to access current issues of Steps Up-to-Date, the quarterly publication of the Michigan Office of Surgeon General, to obtain useful information, suggestions and tips for a healthier life; as well as a comprehensive list of upcoming wellness events for Michigan senior adults; and a set of news releases about Public Health Week activities.

OSA has worked closely with Michigan's Surgeon General, **Dr. Kimberly Dawn Wisdom** to develop collaborative efforts within Michigan counties and communities to help them implement policies and create healthy environments for senior adults as part of the Michigan Steps Up Healthy Lifestyles campaign.

For more information, call **Sherri King** at OSA (517/373-4064) or e-mail her at kings1@michigan.gov.

Senior Health and Fitness Day to be Celebrated in Michigan

Senior Health and Fitness Day, a national event, will be celebrated **May 31** with activities sponsored by Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) and other organizations in every region of Michigan. The following tentative events are scheduled to be held to encourage senior adults to walk, exercise, swim and commit themselves to be fit:

Healthy Aging Walk at the Belle Isle Casino and Park in **Detroit**; Senior Health and Fitness Day at the Older Persons' Commission (OPC) in **Rochester**; Canton Senior Fitness Day at the Summit on the Park Community Center in **Canton**; Northville Senior Fitness Day at the Northville Senior Center in **Northville**; Wyandotte Senior Fitness Day at the William R. Copeland Center in **Wyandotte**; Age for Life Program at Foote Hospital in **Jackson**; Exercise classes at the Perennial Park Senior Center in **Hillsdale**; Exercise equipment training at the YMCA in **Adrian**; Silver Stars Health and Fitness Day at Burnham Brook in **Battle Creek**; Community Fitness Walk at the H & C Burnside Senior Center in **Coldwater**; Health & Fitness: A Win/Win Combination at HealthTrac in **Three Rivers**; Senior Fitness Activity Programs at the Flint U-M Recreation Center in **Flint**; Group Exercise at Hawk Island County Park Large Pavilion in **Lansing**; Exercise and Swimming at the Williamston Area Senior Center in **Williamston**; Senior Fitness Day at various community sites in **Grand Rapids**; Exercise classes and athletic events at various sites in **Traverse City**; Fitness Class for Seniors at the Marquette Senior Center in **Marquette**; Workout and nutrition education at the Negaunee Senior Center in **Negaunee**; and Fitness Carnival at McGraft Park in **Muskegon**.

For more information, go to www.miseniors.net or call **Sherri King** at OSA (517/373-4064).

AAA Invites You to Walk for the Walk of It

The Region VII Area Agency on Aging (AAA-7) has extended an open invitation to everyone to "come walk with us" on **May 24**. The AAA invites you to come to **Bay City** to experience a very pleasant spring walk. There will be no sponsorships to obtain or pledges to collect.

The walk will be part of 2006 Senior Health & Fitness Day that will be celebrated across the country to raise awareness about the benefits of regular exercise. This day is to make exercise fun, and to encourage all senior adults to take advantage of the many health and fitness programs offered in their communities.

So, just join AAA-7 for the walk from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. to help quiet your mind, meet new people, boost your spirits and connect with nature. The walk will start adjacent to the AAA building (1615 S. Euclid Ave.) and continue along the paved pathway of Linear Park. Along the route there will be information on exercise classes, and a nutritionist who will be available to answer questions about specific dietary needs.

For more information, go to www.region7aaa.org, or call **Jean Hill** at AAA-7 (800/858-1637).

NIA Offers Free Publication for Long Distance Caregiving

The National Institute on Aging (NIA) has published its newest free publication entitled So Far Away: Twenty Questions for Long Distance Caregivers. It uses a conversational question-and-answer format to address how to make long-distance caregiving more manageable and satisfying.

The book answers questions and addresses issues such as knowing when help is needed; knowing what can be done from far away; keeping up with a parent's medical care; understanding what can be done to reduce frustration; and helping parents decide when it is time to move. It also contains an extensive resource list to help readers find more information on a variety of related topics.

For more information or to order free copies, call toll-free 800/222-2225 or go to www.nia.nih.gov/healthinformation/publications/. You also can download this publication at www.nia.nih.gov/healthinformation/publications/longdistancecaregiving/.

Website Offers PowerPoint Presentation on Dementia

The Michigan Dementia Coalition has developed an intergenerational PowerPoint presentation on the Medical Overview of Dementia that can be downloaded from its website (www.worriedaboutmemoryloss.com).

This is a modified version of the Medical Module, part of the project entitled "When the Brain Fails to do its Work: Dementia Education for High School Students." It was developed by Northern Michigan University under a grant from the Administration on Aging (AoA).

This website, also addresses what a person can do if he/she is concerned about memory loss experienced by a parent, spouse or by oneself, and it gives the Top 10 Warning Signs. In addition, it offers website links and information on how to get a diagnosis, and information on the various types of dementia.

The Michigan Dementia Coalition is sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association/Greater Michigan Chapter, the Alzheimer's Association/Michigan Great Lakes Chapter, the Huntington Disease Society of America/Michigan, the Michigan Alzheimer's Disease Research Center and the Michigan Parkinson Foundation.

For more information, call 517/324-7318 or 517/324-7321, or e-mail to mhorst@mphi.org or dweaver@mphi.org.

Minimum Wage to be Raised for Senior Adult Workers

Under Michigan's recently passed law, the minimum wage will increase to \$6.95/hour on **October 1**, and to \$7.40/hour in two more steps. It will increase to \$7.15/hour in **July, 2007**, and \$7.40/hour in **July, 2008**. This will put more money into the hands of senior adults who still work full-time at low wages, and senior adults who work part-time to supplement their retirement incomes.

For more information, go to www.mlhs.org, the website of the Michigan League for Human Services (MLHS), and click on "work and wages" or call 517/487-5436.

OSA EVENTS/MEETINGS

Michigan Task Force on Elder Abuse

The next meeting will be held 10:00 a.m. **May 18** at the Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbott Road in **East Lansing**. At this meeting the task force will continue deliberations on the draft recommendations.

No public testimony will be taken at this meeting. However written testimony will be accepted through **May 12** and should be sent to OSA, Attention **Wendi Middleton**, 7109 West Saginaw, P.O. Box 30676 in Lansing, 48909-8176, or e-mail to middletonw@michigan.gov.

For more information or to view the draft recommendations, go to the task force website (www.elderabusemi.org) and the OSA website (www.miseniors.net) with instructions for submitting public comment.

Also, the last of three public hearings to discuss the draft task force recommendations will be held **May 12** in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall (9th Floor), 300 Monroe N.W. in **Grand Rapids**.

For more information, call **Wendi Middleton** at OSA (517/373-8230) or e-mail her at middletonw@michigan.gov.

Connecting Generations Conference

Connecting Generations, the first statewide intergenerational conference in Michigan, will be held **May 18** at the Madonna University Center in **Livonia**. This also will be the kick-off event for the establishment of Michigan's Intergenerational Network.

Honorary Conference Chair is **Daniel G. Mulhern**, First Gentleman of Michigan. OSA Director **Sharon Gire** will help open the conference. Keynote speaker will be **Donna Butts**, Executive Director of Generations United, a national intergenerational organization based in Washington, DC.

The purpose of this one-day conference is to provide a forum for professionals and citizens who work with people of all ages to hear presentations and workshops on designing, implementing and evaluating intergenerational programs, and to receive opportunities for advocacy, networking and resource exchanges.

The conference will feature 14 workshops by presenters from across the state. They will talk about creating communities for all ages; connecting the generations through the arts; designing intergenerational approaches to health care; building generational bridges through education; providing intergenerational sharing through senior centers and religious congregations; and joining the generations together for advocacy.

It is sponsored by Bridging Communities, Inc., Madonna University and Wayne County. The Founding Sponsors are OSA and the Detroit Public Library.

The \$50 registration fee covers all conference materials, a continental breakfast, an all-

you-can eat lunch and refreshments breaks. To register online, go to www.madonna.edu/pages/gerontology.cfm. For more information, call 313/361-6377 or e-mail to connecgen@madonna.edu.

Commission on Services to the Aging (CSA)

The next meeting will be held 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **May 19** at the Little Bear East Arena & Community Center, 275 Marquette Street in **St. Ignace** in conjunction with the last state plan public input session. For more information, call **Cindy Albrecht** at OSA (517/335-4016) or e-mail her at albrechtc@michigan.gov

OSA State Plan Public Input Sessions

The final state plan public input session will be held 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. **May 19** at the Little Bear East Arena & Community Center in **St. Ignace**

To date, OSA and the Commission on Services to the Aging (CSA) have conducted six public input sessions (**October 21** at the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways in **Mt. Pleasant**, **November 18** at the Holiday Inn Lansing West Conference Center in **Lansing**, **February 21** at Historic Trinity Lutheran Church in **Detroit**, **March 17** at Access in **Dearborn**, **March 21** at Senior Services, Inc. in **Kalamazoo**, and **March 29** at the U of M Flint Conference Center in **Flint**).

Those interested in transportation, nutrition, housing, long-term care (LTC), health, independence, scams, employment, and volunteer opportunities for senior adults, and other issues important to senior adults are invited to attend these two free public input sessions to express their opinions to policy makers.

Verbal comments made by interested individuals at the public input sessions are welcome. Written comments also may be submitted by **May 20** to OSA (7109 West Saginaw Highway, P.O. Box 30676 in **Lansing**, 48909-8176). For more information or directions to the sites, go to the OSA website (www.miseniors.net) or call OSA (517/373-8230).

OSA/Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Directors

The next meeting will be held 1:30 p.m. **June 13** in Conference Room 3-B above OSA at 7109 West Saginaw Highway in **Lansing**. For more information, call **Jan Bowlin** at OSA (517/241-3864) or e-mail her at bowlinj1@michigan.gov, or call **Mary Ablan** at the Area Agencies on Aging Association of Michigan (517/886-1227) or e-mail her at ablan@iserv.net

State Advisory Council on Aging (SAC)

The next meeting will be held 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. **June 22** at the Holiday Inn Lansing West Conference Center, 7501 W. Saginaw Highway in **Lansing**. For more information, call **Sally Steiner** at OSA (517/373-8810) or e-mail her at steiners@michigan.gov.

EVENTS/MEETINGS ADDED SINCE THE LAST ISSUE

An Evening with Deborah Tannen, NY Times Bestselling author of You're Wearing That? Understanding Mother and Daughters in Conversation, sponsored by St. John Providence Health **May 11** at the Troy Hilton in **Troy**. For more information, go to www.metroparent.com or call 248/398-3400.

Earned Income: Assessing Your Nonprofit's Revenue Options, a training sponsored by the Michigan Nonprofit Association (MNA), City Connect Detroit, and the Detroit Executive Service Corps **May 17** at the Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Division Headquarters in **Southfield**. For more information, go to www.mnaonline.org or call 888/242-7075.

Arab-Islam Culture at the Workplace, a seminar sponsored by the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) Diversity Workgroup **May 18** at the Capitol View Building (First Floor Conference Room) in **Lansing**. For more information, call 517/335-9751.

National Symposium on Health Care Reform, sponsored by the Mayo Clinic **May 21-23** at the Clinic in **Rochester, MN** to talk about creating a more accessible, affordable and quality health care system. For more information, go to www.healthpolicysymposium.org or call toll-free 877/744-3029.

Arab-Islam Culture at the Workplace, a seminar sponsored by the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) Diversity Workgroup **May 23** at the Cass Building (First Floor Large Conference Room) in **Lansing**. For more information, call 517/335-9751.

Walk for the Walk of It, an event sponsored by the Region VII Area Agency on Aging (AAA-7) **May 24** at Linear Park adjacent to the AAA in **Bay City**. For more information, go to www.region7aaa.org or call toll-free 800/858-1637. See also the AGING NETWORK NEWS section of this issue (above).

Together We can Heal: a Journey to Eliminate Healthcare Disparities, a seminar sponsored by the Interfaith Health & Hope Coalition in partnership with Wayne State University and the Detroit Area Agency on Aging **May 28** at Sacred Heart Seminary in **Detroit** to increase awareness of the unique healthcare needs of a growing culturally diverse population, and the disparities that result when they are not met. For more information, call 313/567-6225

Preparing for Successful Grant Proposals, a training sponsored by the Michigan Nonprofit Association (MNA) and the Indiana University (IU) Center on Philanthropy Fundraising School **May 31** in the Fairlane Center at the University of Michigan-Dearborn in **Dearborn**. For more information, go to www.mnaonline.org or call 888/242-7075.

Senior Health and Fitness Day, a statewide celebration **May 31** with events to be sponsored by Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) in every region of the state. For more information, go to www.miseniors.net or call 517/373-4064. See also the AGING NETWORK NEWS section of this issue (above).

Preparing for Successful Grant Proposals, a training sponsored by the Michigan Nonprofit Association (MNA) and the Indiana University (IU) Center on Philanthropy

Fundraising School **June 1** in the Fairlane Center at the University of Michigan-Dearborn in **Dearborn**. For more information, go to www.mnaonline.org or call 888/242-7075.

Planning for Long-Term Care, a training session sponsored by Educational Services, a Leader in Continuing Education **June 6** at the Holiday Inn Livonia Detroit West in **Livonia**. For more information, call 800/724-9866 or e-mail to edsers@verizon.net.

Strategy Formation and Strategic Restructuring for Nonprofits, a training sponsored by the Michigan Nonprofit Association (MNA), City Connect of Detroit, the Detroit Executive Service Corps (DESC) and Nonprofit Enterprise at Work **June 6** at the Laurel Manor Special Event Center in **Livonia**. For more information, go to www.mnaonline.org or call 888/242-7075.

8th Annual Meeting of the Michigan Dementia Education Network, a conference sponsored by Optimal Life Designs in Dementia Care, the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) and the Eastern Michigan University (EMU) Alzheimer's Education & Research Program **June 14-15** at the RA McMullan Conference Center in **Roscommon**. For more information, call 810/231-2723 or e-mail to annerobinson2@sbcglobal.net.

National Travel Forum 2006: Where the Travel Stars Shine, sponsored by the General Services Administration (GSA) and the Interagency Travel Management Committee (ITMC) **June 26-29** at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel in **Los Angeles, CA**. For more information, go to www.nationaltravelforum.org or call 202/208-4421.

1st National Concepts in Care Conference, a care-focused gathering of family caregivers and healthcare professionals from across the nation sponsored by the Alzheimer's Foundation of America **October 21-22** at the Hilton Anatole-Dallas in **Dallas**. For more information, go to www.alzfdn.org or call toll-free 866/232-8484.

Life @ 50+ AARP's National Event and Expo, sponsored by AARP **October 26-28** at the Anaheim Convention Center in **Anaheim, CA**. For more information, go to www.aarp.org/events or call toll-free 800/883-2784.

MICHIGAN CONFERENCES

4th National Conference on Health Issues in the Arab American Community, sponsored by the ACCESS Community Health & Research Center and the Wayne State University (WSU) School of Medicine **May 11-12** at the Dearborn Inn, a Marriott Hotel in **Dearborn**. For more information, call 313/216-2244 or e-mail to mhazboun@accesscommunity.org.

19th Annual Issues in Aging Conference, sponsored by the Wayne State University Institute of Gerontology, Presbyterian Villages of Michigan and the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan **May 15-16** at the Management Education Center in **Troy** to focus on "Cognitive Impairments: Clinical and Community Impacts," and "Older Adults: Emerging Tools and Programs." For more information, call 313/577-1180 or e-mail to dcme@med.wayne.edu.

2006 Joint Annual Conference, sponsored by the Michigan Association of Nutrition and Aging Service Programs (MANASP) and the Michigan Directors of Services to the Aging (MDSA) **May 17-18** at the Doubletree in **Bay City**. For more information, call 810/987-8811 or e-mail to coaj_hager@arenet.net or katygchc@sbcglobal.net.

Third Annual Michigan Mental Health & Aging Conference, sponsored by the Michigan Department of Community Health (DCH) and coordinated by the Lansing Community College (LCC) Mental Health and Aging Project **May 23-24** at the Michigan State University (MSU) Kellogg Center in **East Lansing**. For more information, call 517/483-1529 or e-mail to beham@lcc.edu. See also the AGING NETWORK NEWS section of this issue (above).

Michigan Depression in Bereavement Conference 2006, sponsored by the Michigan Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (MHPCO) and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBSM) **June 16** at the Lansing Center in **Lansing** to help participants learn strategies useful in addressing depression in caregivers, patients and families. For more information or to register, go to www.mihospice.org or call toll-free 800/536-6300.

Governing Nonprofits for Success, a conference sponsored by the Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy at Grand Valley State University (GVSU) for board members and executives of nonprofit organizations to discuss governance issues and techniques **September 15** at the Loosemore Auditorium on the GVSU Pew Campus in **Grand Rapids**. For more information, go to www.johnsoncenter.org or call 616/331-7232.

26th Annual Conference: Transitions Through a Lifespan, sponsored by the Brain Injury Association of Michigan **September 28-29** at the Lansing Center in **Lansing**. For more information, go to www.biarni.org or call toll-free 800/772-4323.

2006 Senior Advisory Council 16th Annual Conference, sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network **October 13** at the Bavarian Inn in **Frankenmuth**. For more information, call toll-free 800/733-2583

DEMENTIA EVENTS/MEETINGS

Partnering in Care: The Seventh Dr. Richard Seyfarth Schreiber Memorial Conference, sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association Michigan Great Lakes Chapter **May 16** at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in **Kalamazoo**. For more information, go to www.alzmigreatlakes.org or call 269/387-4174.

Advanced Techniques in Dementia Care, a training session sponsored by the Gerontology Network **June 9** at Evergreen Commons in **Holland**. For more information, go to www.gerontologynetwork.org or call 616/771-9710.

Dementia Related Illnesses, a Summer 2006 Issues in Aging seminar sponsored by the Macomb Community College (MCC) Center for Continuing Education **June 13** at the Assumption Cultural Center in **St. Clair Shores** to provide an overview of dementia and related illnesses. For more information, call 586/498-4000.

Managing Challenging Behaviors of Dementia, a training session sponsored by the

Gerontology Network **June 16** at the Osceola State Bank in **Baldwin**. For more information, go to www.gerontologynetwork.org or call 616/771-9710.

Understanding Alzheimer's, an introductory program sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association Great Lakes Chapter to recognize possible signs of Alzheimer's Disease; better understand how Alzheimer's is diagnosed; recognize the effects of Alzheimer's on the brain; and gain access to community resources. The programs will be held:

May 17 at the St. Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital in **Howell**
May 23 at Redeemer United Methodist Church in **DeWitt**
May 25 at the Frenchtown Senior Center in **Monroe**
May 31 at the Hillsdale Workforce Development and Technology Center in **Hillsdale**
June 6 at the CQC Stephenson Home in **Adrian**
June 6 at the Woodlawn Meadows Retirement Village in **Hastings**
June 8 at the St. Joseph County Commission on Aging in **Three Rivers**
June 8 at West Shore Community College in **Scottville**
June 12 at the John Ganton's Countryside Retirement Community in **Jackson**
June 13 at the Sparrow Professional Building in **Lansing**
June 15 at the Family Health Care Annex in **Baldwin**
June 15 at the H&C Burnside Senior Center in **Coldwater**
June 20 at Eaton Rapids Senior Center in **Eaton Rapids**
June 23 at the Ann Arbor Senior Center in **Ann Arbor**

For more information, go to www.alzmgreatlakes.org or call 800/272-3900.

Maintain Your Brain: How to Live a Brain Healthy Lifestyle, a workshop sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association Great Lakes Chapter to provide an educational experience and interactive exploration of the latest insights about what individuals can do for lifelong brain health. The workshops will be held:

May 22 at the Chelsea Community Hospital in **Chelsea**
May 23 at Arbor Woods in **Jackson**
May 25 at the Washtenaw County LBPD in **Ann Arbor**
June 5 at the Burnham Brook Center in **Battle Creek**

For more information, go to www.alzmgreatlakes.org or call 800/272-3900.

Caring for a Person with Late Stage Alzheimer's Disease, a program sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association Great Lakes Chapter to discuss the challenges caregivers face during the late stage of Alzheimer's Disease; what they can expect as the disease progresses; and how to make meaningful connections with their loved ones, and maintain their connections with family and friends. The programs will be held:

May 11 at the Sparrow Health System St. Lawrence Campus in **Lansing**
May 25 at Senior Services, Inc. in **Kalamazoo**
June 8 at the Jackson County Department on Aging in **Jackson**
June 20 at the Red Cross in **Ann Arbor**

For more information, go to www.alzmgreatlakes.org or call 800/272-3900.

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MICHIGAN NONPROFIT SEMINARS/TRAINING EVENTS

Sustainability: Let Your Mission be Your Guide, a seminar sponsored by the Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy at Grand Valley State University (GVSU) to provide nonprofit leaders and their board members with information to look beyond traditional fundraising methods **May 11** at the Loosemore Auditorium on the GVSU Pew Campus in **Grand Rapids**. For more information, go to www.johnsoncenter.org or call 616/331-7232.

Losing Your World, a training session sponsored by the Gerontology Network **May 19** at the Montcalm County Commission on Aging in **Stanton**. For more information, go to www.gerontologynetwork.org or call 616/771-9710.

Grant Writing Made Simple, a training session sponsored by the Michigan State University (MSU) Kinship Care Resource Center **May 25** at the Holiday Inn-Saginaw in **Lansing**. For more information, call toll-free 800/535-1218 or e-mail to kinship@msu.edu.

Planning for Long-Term Care, a seminar sponsored by Educational Services **June 6** at the Holiday Inn Livonia Detroit West in **Livonia**. For more information, call 800/724-9866 or e-mail to edsers@verizon.net.

Partnering with Your Doctor, a Summer 2006 Issues in Aging seminar sponsored by the Macomb Community College (MCC) Center for Continuing Education **June 15** at the Assumption Cultural Center in **St. Clair Shores** for persons with memory problems and their care partners. For more information, call 586/498-4000.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, a Summer 2006 Issues in Aging seminar sponsored by the Macomb Community College (MCC) Center for Continuing Education **June 19** at the Assumption Cultural Center in **St. Clair Shores** to explore causes and issues facing kinship caregivers. For more information, call 586/498-4000.

Planning for Long-Term Care, a seminar sponsored by Educational Services **June 20** at the Holiday Inn Lansing West in **Lansing**. For more information, call 800/724-9866 or e-mail to edsers@verizon.net.

CEO 201, a management and leadership training seminar sponsored by the Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy at Grand Valley State University (GVSU) for new executive directors of nonprofit organizations **June 20-22** at Alumni House on the GVSU Allendale Campus in **Allendale**. For more information, go to www.johnsoncenter.org or call 616/331-7232.

Identifying Community Resources, a training session sponsored by the Michigan State University (MSU) Kinship Care Resource Center **June 23** at the Hannah Community Center in **East Lansing**. For more information, call toll-free 800/535-1218 or e-mail to kinship@msu.edu.

Facilitating Support Groups, a Summer 2006 Issues in Aging seminar sponsored by the Macomb Community College (MCC) Center for Continuing Education **July 12-26** at the MCC Center Campus in **Clinton Township** to learn how to organize, lead and facilitate caregiver support groups. For more information, call 586/498-4000.

Anything but Bingo, a Summer 2006 Issues in Aging seminar sponsored by the Macomb Community College (MCC) Center for Continuing Education **July 22-29** at the MCC Center Campus in **Clinton Township** to learn ideas for physical, social and spiritual programs for senior adults with a wide range of abilities. For more information, call 586/498-4000.

When & How to Move a Loved One, a Summer 2006 Issues in Aging seminar sponsored by the Macomb Community College (MCC) Center for Continuing Education **August 8-10** at the Assumption Cultural Center in **St. Clair Shores** to explore when home services should be considered, and when those services are not enough. For more information, call 586/498-4000.

Will and Trust Preparation, a Summer 2006 Issues in Aging seminar sponsored by the Macomb Community College (MCC) Center for Continuing Education **August 23** at the MCC Center Campus in **Clinton Township** to learn how to draft your will and plan your estate plan. For more information, call 586/498-4000.

CEO 601: Advanced Leadership, a training sponsored by the Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy at Grand Valley State University (GVSU) for board members and executives of nonprofit organizations **October 18-20** at the Shanty Creek Resort in **Bellaire**. For more information, go to www.johnsoncenter.org or call 616/331-7232.

OTHER MICHIGAN EVENTS/MEETINGS

Ingham County Kinship Caregivers Speak-Out Meeting with State Legislators interested in kinship issues, sponsored by the Michigan State University (MSU) Kinship Care Resource Center **May 12** at the Hannah Community Center in **East Lansing**. For more information, call toll-free 800/535-1218 or e-mail to kinship@msu.edu.

Statewide Meeting, sponsored by the Michigan Campaign for Quality Care **May 13** in the Lake Superior Room of the Library of Michigan in **Lansing**. For more information, go to www.campaignforquality.org or call 517/324-5754.

UP Kinship Service Provider's Meeting, sponsored by the Michigan State University (MSU) Kinship Care Resource Center **June 1** at the Northern Michigan University (NMU) Don Bottum University Center in **Marquette**. For more information, call toll-free 800/535-1218 or e-mail to kinship@msu.edu.

2006 Summer Games, sponsored by the Michigan Senior Olympics **July 8-15** at the Western Michigan University (WMU) campus in **Kalamazoo**. For more information, go to www.michiganseniorolympics.org, call 248/608-0250 or toll-free 800/400-8161. See also the AGING NETWORK NEWS section of this issue (above).

Third Annual Family Gathering, a meeting and gathering sponsored by the Family Support Work Group and the Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council **July 11** at Hawk Island Park in **Lansing**. For more information, call 517/334-6123.

Statewide Meeting, sponsored by the Michigan Campaign for Quality Care **July 15** in the Lake Superior Room of the Library of Michigan in **Lansing**. For more information, go to www.campaignforquality.org or call 517/324-5754.

2nd Annual St. Clair County Caregiver Fair, a free event for family caregivers sponsored by Area Agency on Aging (AAA) 1B **September 30** at the Thomas Edison Inn in **Port Huron**. For more information, call toll-free 800/852-7795 or e-mail to jjarvis@aaa1b.com.

CONFERENCES/EVENTS OUTSIDE MICHIGAN

Nonprofits & Innovation: Surviving & Thriving in an Age of Change, the 7th Annual Axelson Center Symposium for Nonprofit Professionals **May 16-17** at the Axelson Center for Nonprofit Management at North Park University on the north side of **Chicago, IL**. For more information, go to www.northpark.edu/axelson/2006.cfm, call 877/678-4438 or e-mail to kmaldre@northpark.edu.

Powerful Boards, Powerful Fundraising, sponsored by The Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University (IU) **May 20-21** at The Fundraising School in **Indianapolis, IN**. For more information, go to www.philanthropy.iupui.edu or call 800/962-6692.

18th Annual Public Policy Forum, sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association **June 3-6** at the Grand Hyatt Washington Hotel in **Washington, DC** to tell Congress about the urgency of the Alzheimer's issue. For more information, go to www.alz.org/publicpolicyforum or call 202/393-7737 or 312/335-5833.

Expo 2006, sponsored by the Community Transportation Association of America **June 3-9** at the Gaylord Palms in **Orlando, FL**. This event includes the **National Conference on Medical Transportation: Mobile Communities are Healthy Communities** and the **14th Annual Florida Transportation Disadvantaged Training and Technology Conference**. For more information, go to www.ctaa.org/expo, or call toll-free 800/788-7077.

The National Medicaid Congress: Strategies for Navigating the New Medicaid, sponsored by Harvard Health Policy Review, Health Affairs, FDC Reports and the Medical Education Collaborative **June 4-6** at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in **Washington, DC**. For more information, go to www.medicaidcongress.com or call 760/365-0837 or toll-free 800/684-4549.

2006 National Aging and Disability I&R/A Symposium, sponsored by the National Aging I&R Support Center and the National State Units on Aging (NASUA) to be held in conjunction with the Alliance of Information & Referral Systems (AIRA) Training and Education Conference **June 4-7** at the Hyatt Regency Milwaukee in **Milwaukee, WI**. For more information go to www.nasua.org/informationandreferral, call 202/898-2578 or e-mail to glink@nasua.org.

Call for Proposals: 2007 Joint Conference of the National Council on Aging (NCoA) and the American Society on Aging (ASA), to be held March 7-10, 2007 in **Chicago**. The deadline for submitting proposals is **June 5**. For more information, go to www.agingconference.org, call 415/974-9600 or e-mail to jc07@asaging.org.

17th Annual Summer Geriatric Institute: Caring for the Vulnerable, sponsored by

the Saint Louis University Health Sciences Center **June 6-7** at St. Louis University in **St. Louis, MO**. For more information, go to <http://aging.slu.edu> or call 314/977-8848.

Interpersonal Communication for Fundraising, sponsored by The Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University (IU) **June 7-8** at The Fundraising School in **Indianapolis, IN**. For more information, go to www.philanthropy.iupui.edu or call 800/962-6692.

Principles & Techniques of Fundraising, sponsored by The Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University (IU) **June 12-16** at The Fundraising School in **Indianapolis, IN**. For more information, go to www.philanthropy.iupui.edu or call 800/962-6692.

55th Annual Session: School on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependencies, sponsored by the University of Utah and the Utah State Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health **June 18-23** at the University of Utah campus in **Salt Lake City, UT**. For more information, go to www.uuhsc.utah.edu/uas or call 801/538-4343.

Annual Research Meeting 2006, the premier forum for health services research sponsored by Academy Health **June 25-27** at the Washington State Convention & Trade Center in **Seattle, WA**. For more information, go to www.academyhealth.org/arm/abstracts.

Annual Training Conference, sponsored by the National Association of Nutrition and Aging Service Providers (NANASP) **June 29-July 1** at the Wynfry Hotel in **Birmingham, AL**. For more information, go to www.nanasp.org or call 202/682-6899.

2006 Governor's Conference on Aging: the Changing Face of Aging, sponsored by the Nebraska Division of Aging and Disability Services, the State Unit on Aging, **August 8-10** at the Holiday Inn in **Kearney, NE**. For more information, call toll-free 800/942-7830.

30th Annual Summer School of Gerontology, sponsored by the South Carolina Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging **August 20-25** to provide education and training for professionals who work with the aging population and others interested in aging issues at Springmaid Beach, **Myrtle Beach, SC**. The lodging and meal costs of presenters, as well as limited travel costs, will be covered. For more information, call 803/734-9878 or e-mail to halljen@aging.sc.gov.

Powerful Boards, Powerful Fundraising, sponsored by The Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University (IU) **September 20-21** at The Fundraising School in **Indianapolis, IN**. For more information, go to www.philanthropy.iupui.edu or call 800/962-6692.

22nd National Home & Community Based Services Conference/Age and Disability Odyssey, entitled "Seasons of Change in Home and Community Supports" and sponsored by the National Association of State Units on Aging (NASUA) and the Minnesota Department of Human Services/Aging and Adult Services **October 3-6** at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in **Minneapolis, MN**. For more information, go to www.nasua.org/waiverconference or call 202/898-2578.

2006 Annual Conference, sponsored by the National Guardianship Association (NGA) **October 7-10** at the Newport Beach Marriott Resort & Spa in **Newport Beach, CA**. For more information, go to www.guardianship.org, call 814/238-3126 or e-mail to

FOR-PROFIT TRAINING EVENTS/RESOURCES

The following information about for-profit training events and resources is presented as a public service for informational purposes only, and should not be interpreted as constituting OSA promotion or endorsement. OSA does not receive financial or any other benefit for providing this information.

For-Profit Training Events

Creative Leadership Workshop for Managers, Supervisors and Team Leaders, a training sponsored by Fred Pryor Seminars CareerTrack **May 12** in **Marquette**, **May 31** in **Jackson**, **June 1** in **Flint**, **June 2** in **Saginaw**, **June 5** in **Grand Rapids**, **June 6** in **Lansing**, **June 7** in **Saginaw**, **June 8** in **Troy** and **June 22** in **Kalamazoo**. For more information, go to www.pryor.com or call toll-free 800/556-3012.

The Conference on Leadership Development and Teambuilding, a training session sponsored by Skillpath Seminars **May 22** in **Saginaw**. For more information, go to www.skillpath.com or call toll-free 800/873-7545.

The Indispensable Assistant, a training session for secretaries, administrative assistants and support people **May 22** in **Farmington Hills** and **May 23** in **Ann Arbor**. For more information, go to www.skillpath.com or call toll-free 800/873-7545.

How to Design Attention-Grabbing Brochures, Catalogs, Ads, Newsletters and Reports, a training session sponsored by Skillpath Seminars **May 31** in **Farmington Hills**, **June 19** in **Grand Rapids**, **June 20** in **Lansing** and **June 21** in **Troy**. For more information, go to www.skillpath.com or call toll-free 800/873-7545.

Project Management, a training sponsored by Fred Pryor Seminars CareerTrack **June 13** in **Grand Rapids**, **June 14** in **Lansing** and **June 15** in **Troy**. For more information, go to www.pryor.com or call toll-free 800/556-3012.

Excelling as a Highly Effective Team Leader, a training session sponsored by Skillpath Seminars **July 18** in **Grand Rapids**. For more information, go to www.skillpath.com or call toll-free 800/873-7545.

The Ultimate Supervisor, a training sponsored by Fred Pryor Seminars CareerTrack **July 19** in **Grand Rapids**, **July 20** in **Ann Arbor**, **July 21** in **Troy**, **July 24** in **Saginaw**, **July 25** in **Flint**, and **July 26** in **Lansing**. For more information, go to www.pryor.com or call toll-free 800/556-3012.

FEDERAL REGISTER (April 10 – May 5)

AoA Proposes to Use Revised Annual LTC Ombudsman Report

See the Federal Register dated **April 10** (Vol. 71, No. 68). Go to “Aging Administration” and see “Agency Information Collection Activities.” This notice from the Administration on Aging (AOA) requests written comment about using the revised State Annual Long-Term Care (LTC) Ombudsman Report (and instructions) for revised information collection under Titles III and VII of the Older Americans Act (OAA) beginning in Fiscal Year (FY) 2007. The data this collects on complaints filed with ombudsman programs, and narrative on LTC issues, provides information to Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and others about the patterns of concerns, and major LTC issues affecting residents of LTC facilities. Both the complaint and program data collected assist the states and local ombudsman programs in planning strategies and activities, providing training and technical assistance, and developing performance measures. Written comments must be received by **May 10**. For more information, call 202/357-3587 or e-mail to sue.wheaton@aoa.gov.

IHS Announces Grants for American Indian Elder Care Program

See the Federal Register dated **April 17** (Vol. 71, No. 73). Go to Indian Health Service and see “Notices, Grants and Cooperative Agreements.” This notice from the Indian Health Service (HIS) of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announces the availability of funding for 9-12 competitive 24-month grants of \$50,000 or \$75,000 to support the planning and implementation of sustainable long term care (LTC) services for American Indian and Alaskan Native (AI/AN) elders through the Elder Care Initiative Long Term Care Grant Program (ECILTC). Eligible applicants are federally-recognized Indian Tribes, tribal organizations, and urban Indian organizations. LTC services should be acceptable to elders and their families and consistent with community values and their implementation. There are a number of elements (Tribal sovereignty and the government-to-government relationship, the unique funding structure of Indian health, and the importance of the cultural context). The deadline for grant applications is **June 5**. For more information, call 301/443-2522 or 301/443-9602.

DOT Proposes Better Air Accommodations for Disabled Individuals

See the Federal Register dated **April 18** (Vol. 71, No. 74). Go to “Transportation Department” and see “Proposed Rules.” This notice from the Department of Transportation (DOT) extends the comment period to **June 24** for its proposal to amend a proposed rule that implements the Air Carrier Access Act (ACAA) to provide for additional accommodations for air travelers who are deaf, hard of hearing or deaf-blind. It proposes to require US and certain air carriers to provide prompt access for individuals who identify themselves as requiring hearing or visual assistance to the same information provided to other passengers in the terminal, and on aircraft, for example by captioning safety and informational videos, DVDs and other audio-visual displays; captioning entertainment videos, DVDs and other audio-visual displays; ensuring that individuals calling an air carrier’s TTY line for information or reservations receive equal response time and level of service as that provided to others; captioning televisions and audio-visual equipment located in airport terminals; and training air carrier personnel on communicating with individuals who have visual or hearing impairments. For more information, call 202/366-9342 or 202/366-0511 (TTY).

DOT Develops Guidance for Elderly and Disabled Program

See the Federal Register dated **April 18** (Vol. 71, No. 74). Go to “Federal Transit Administration” and see “Notices, Grants and Cooperative Agreements.” This notice

from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) of the Department of Transportation (DOT) extends the period for making public comment to **May 22** for developing guidance to assist grantees in implementing the Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Program, as well as the Job Access and Reverse Commute Program and the New Freedom Program. By this notice, the FTA seeks public comment to assist the FTA in developing circulars for these three programs. The FTA has developed proposed strategies, described in this notice, to help develop a coordinated public transit human services transportation plan for Fiscal Year (FY) 07. This notice also includes guidance for the FY 06 implementation for those guidelines that go into effect immediately. For more information, call 202/366-4020 or e-mail to bryna.helfer@fta.dot.gov.

HHS Requests Nominations for Innovation in Prevention Awards

See the Federal Register dated **April 19** (Vol. 71, No. 75). Go to “Health and Human Services Department” and see “Notices.” This notice from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) seeks nominations of public and nonprofit organizations to receive the 2006 HHS Secretary’s Innovation in Prevention Awards Initiative. This is part of a broader HHS Initiative called Steps to a Healthier US that advances the HealthierUS goal of helping Americans live longer, better and healthier lives. The awards will identify and celebrate outstanding organizations that have implemented innovative and creative health promotion and chronic disease prevention. To be nominated, a program must address at least one of the following risk factors: obesity, physical activity and nutrition. Awards will be presented in a number of categories including faith-based and community initiatives, health care delivery, nonprofit and public sector. Nominations must be received by **June 15**. Nominations can only be made online at www.prevent.org/awards2006. For more information, call 202/785-4943 or e-mail to 2006innovationawards@prevent.org.

Corporation Presents Semi-annual Regulatory Agenda

See the Federal Register dated **April 24** (Vol. 71, No. 78). Go to “Corporation for National and Community Service” and see “Proposed Rules.” This semi-annual regulatory agenda for the Corporation for National and Community Service announces the regulations that the Corporation will have under development, revision or review during the next year. The purpose for publishing this agenda is to give notice of any regulatory activity by the agency in order to provide the public an opportunity to participate in the rulemaking process. For more information, call 202/606-6677.

HHS Presents Semi-annual Regulatory Agenda

See the Federal Register dated **April 24** (Vol. 71, No. 78). Go to “Health and Human Services Department” and see “Proposed Rules.” This Semi-annual Regulatory Agenda inventories all rulemaking actions under development by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and presents for public scrutiny a forecast of the rulemaking activities that HHS expects to undertake during the foreseeable future. It focuses primarily on those areas of work expected to result in publication of notices of proposed rulemaking or final rules within the next 12 months. The purpose is to encourage public participation in the regulatory process. Send all comments to the HHS Executive Secretary, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 603H, Washington, DC 20201.

HUD Presents Semi-annual Regulatory Agenda

See the Federal Register dated **April 24** (Vol. 71, No. 78). Go to “Housing and Urban Development Department” and see “Proposed Rules.” The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is publishing its Semi-annual Regulatory Agenda to outline regulations already issued or that are expected to be issued during the next several months. The agenda also includes rules currently in effect that are under review, and describes those regulations that may affect small entities, as required by the Regulatory Flexibility Act. The purpose of this agenda is to encourage more effective public participation in the regulatory process by providing the public with early information about pending regulatory activities. For more information, call 202/708-3055.

SSA Presents Semi-annual Regulatory Agenda

See the Federal Register dated **April 24** (Vol. 70, No. 78). Go to “Social Security Administration” and see “Proposed Rules.” The Social Security Administration (SSA) administers the retirement, survivors and disability insurance programs under the Social Security Act; the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program under the Act; and Special Benefits to certain World War II Veterans. This SSA Semi-annual Regulatory Agenda contains a brief description of all regulatory actions under development or review, expected to be under development or review for the next 12 months, or completed since the previous semi-annual agenda was published. For further information about a specific action, call 410/965-1887.

President Declares May Older Americans Month

See the Federal Register dated **May 3** (Vol. 70, No. 85). Go to “Presidential Documents” and see “Proclamations, Special observances: Older Americans Month.” This Presidential proclamation declares **May** to be Older Americans Month, 2006. The proclamation says older Americans represent the finest qualities of our nation, and this annual event honors our older citizens to help others celebrate their many accomplishments and learn from their experiences. This year’s theme, Choices for Independence, reflects the importance of senior adults making retirement, lifestyle, and health choices that enhance their quality of life as they grow older. For more information, see the AGING NETWORK NEWS section of this issue (above).

HUD Announces Funding for Section 202 Senior Housing

See the Federal Register dated **May 4** (Vol. 70, No. 85). Go to “Housing and Urban Development Department” and see “Notices, Grants and Cooperative Agreements.” This notice from the Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD) announces the availability of funding for the Section 202 Demonstration Pre-Development Grant Program to provide grant funding for architectural and engineering work, site control, and other planning-related expenses that are eligible for funding under the Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly Program. All private, nonprofit organizations and nonprofit consumer cooperatives, that submitted an application for funding under the Fiscal Year (FY) 2005 SuperNOFA for the Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly Program, are eligible for this funding. The maximum grant amount per single application is \$400,000, and no match is required. Grant applications may be downloaded from www.grants.gov. For more information, call 800/518-GRANTS or e-mail to support@grants.gov.

LEGISLATION SUMMARY (April 10 – May 5)

The following bills are listed for informational/educational purposes only. The list does not constitute OSA support or endorsement. Nor does it indicate the critical bills OSA considers to be of priority. All of this information is current, as of the date of this issue. But it is subject to change at any time through legislative action.

For more information about the content and legislative history of a particular bill, go to www.legislature.mi.gov (the Michigan Legislature website) and enter the bill number in the box under “Legislative Bill Search.” Then click on “Go!” and the status page of the bill will appear with current information about the bill. Click on a “PDF” or “TXT” box for a copy of the latest version of the bill, or a House or Senate analysis of the bill.

The Michigan Legislature website (www.michiganlegislature.org) is a free service of the Legislative Internet Technology Team in cooperation with the Michigan Legislative Council, the Michigan House of Representatives, and the Michigan Senate. Also, call the Michigan Law Library at 517/373-0630 for legal research questions.

If you have a question or opinion about any of these bills, contact your state legislator. Also, you may call OSA Director **Sharon Gire** at 517/373-7876 or e-mail her at osadirector@michigan.gov.

New House Bills (April 10 – May 5)

House Bill (HB) 5951 of 2006

Natural resources; hunting use of crossbow by senior citizens; allow during archery deer season. Amends Public Act (PA) 451 of 1994. Sponsored by **Rep. Rick Jones** (R-Grand Ledge). Referred to the House Committee on Conservation, Forestry, and Outdoor Recreation 4-18-06.

House Bill (HB) 5962 of 2006

Insurance; health care corporations; provision regarding compliance with health insurance portability and accountability act (HIPPA) privacy rule; Include. Amends Public Act (PA) 350 of 406. Sponsored by **Rep. Joe Hune** (R-Hamburg) and co-sponsored by three others. Referred to the House Committee on Health Policy 4-25-06.

House Bill (HB) 5978 of 2006

Occupations; pharmacists; refusal to dispense or transfer a prescription based solely on an ethical, moral or religious belief; prohibit. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Rep. Lee Gonzales** (D-Flint) and co-sponsored by 10 others. Referred to the House Committee on Health Policy 4-25-06.

House Bill (HB) 5993 of 2006

Health facilities; nursing homes; fire suppression system or fire sprinkler retrofittings; require if federal funding is made available. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Rep. Barb Vander Veen** (R-Allendale) and co-sponsored by four others. Referred to the House Committee on Senior Health, Security, and Retirement 4-25-06.

House Bill (HB) 6006 of 2006

Insurance; health; health care task force; create. Creates new act. Sponsored by **Rep. Michael C. Murphy** (D-Lansing) and co-sponsored by 21 others. Referred to the House Committee on Health Policy 4-26-06.

House Bill (HB) 6032 of 2006

Insurance; health; patient rights to independent review; clarify. Amends Public Act (PA) 251 of 2000. Sponsored by **Rep. Roger Kahn** (R-Saginaw Township) and co-sponsored by 13 others. Referred to the House Committee on Health Policy 5-4-06.

House Bill (HB) 6037 of 2006

Insurance; other; interstate insurance (including life and LTC insurance) product regulation compact; enact. Creates new act. Sponsored by **Rep. Joe Hune** (R-Hamburg). Referred to the House committee on Insurance 5-4-06.

House Bill (HB) 6039 of 2006

Health; funding; health care information technology and infrastructure development fund; create. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Tie barred with HB 5336 of 2005 (which mean neither bill can take effect unless both do). Sponsored by **Rep. Gary Newell** (R-Saranac) and co-sponsored by 36 others. Referred to the House Committee on Health Policy 5-4-06.

New Senate Bills (April 10 – May 5)

Senate Bill (SB) 1212 of 2006

Crimes; controlled substances; penalties for theft and resale of prescription drugs under certain circumstances; provide for. Amends Public Act (PA) 328 of 1931. Sponsored by **Sen. Bruce Patterson** (R-Canton) and co-sponsored by five others. Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary 4-19-06.

Senate Bill (SB) 1242 of 2006

Torts; product liability; immunity from liability for drugs that have been approved by federal food and drug administration; rescind. Amends Public Act (PA) 236 of 1961. Sponsored by **Sen. Michael Switalski** (D-Roseville) and co-sponsored by two others. Referred to the Senate Committee on Government Operations 5-3-06.

Senate Bill (SB) 1244 of 2006

Insurance; health; patient rights to independent review; clarify. Amends Public Act (PA) 251 of 2000. Sponsored by **Sen. Beverly S. Hammerstrom** (R-Temperance) and co-sponsored by one other. Referred to the Senate Committee on Health Policy 5-4-06.

Senate Bill (SB) 1245 of 2006

Occupations; nurses; nurse practitioners and nurse midwives independent authority to prescribe; provide for. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Sen. Beverly S. Hammerstrom** (R-Temperance). Referred to the Senate Committee on Health Policy 5-4-06.

Senate Bill (SB) 1246 of 2006

Labor; fair employment practices; prohibition against employment decisions based on the health or illness of an employee's family member (such as an elder family member); provide for. Creates new act. Sponsored by **Sen. Mark Schauer** (D-Battle Creek) and co-sponsored by 10 others. Referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce and

**Bills that have Moved
(April 10 – May 5)**

House Bill **(HB) 4021** of 2005, House Bill **(HB) 4423** of 2005, House Bill **(HB) 4745** of 2005, House Bill **(HB) 4746** of 2005, House Bill **(HB) 4790** of 2005, House Bill **(HB) 4791** of 2005, House Bill **(HB) 4870** of 2005, House Bill **(HB) 4891** of 2005, House Bill **(HB) 5336** of 2006, House Bill **(HB) 5389** of 2005, House Bill **(HB) 5608** of 2006, House Bill **(HB) 5661** of 2006, House Bill **(HB) 5663** of 2006, House Bill **(HB) 5760** of 2006, House Bill **(HB) 5762** of 2006, House Bill **(HB) 5836** of 2006, House Bill **(HB) 5919** of 2006, Senate Bill **(SB) 43** of 2005, Senate Bill **(SB) 465** of 2005, Senate Bill **(SB) 466** of 2005, Senate Bill **(HB) 467** of 2005, House Bill **(HB) 468** of 2005, Senate Bill **(SB) 838** of 2005, Senate Bill **(SB) 1039** of 2006, and Senate Bill **(SB) 1172** of 2006.

House Bill (HB) 4021 (2005)

This bill would amend the Income Tax Act to allow taxpayers to deduct from taxable income the premiums paid in the tax year to obtain long-term care benefits from an insurance policy. The deduction would apply for tax years beginning after December 31, 2005, and would apply to the extent the premiums had not already been deducted in determining adjusted gross income. Amends Public Act (PA) 281 of 1967. Sponsored by **Rep. Roger Kahn** (R-Saginaw). Referred to the House Committee on Tax Policy 1-27-05. Reported with recommendation for referral to the House Committee on Insurance 4-26-06. Recommendation concurred in 4-26-06

House Bill (HB) 4423 of 2005

This bill would amend the public act which regulates home solicitation sales to provide that it would be an unfair or deceptive act or practice and a violation of the act for a telephone solicitor to misrepresent in a message left for a consumer on his or her answering machine or voice mail that he or she had a current business matter or transaction, or a current business or customer relationship with the solicitor or another person, and request that the consumer call the solicitor of another person to discuss that matter, transaction or relationship. Amends Public Act (PA) 227 of 1971. Sponsored by **Rep. Lisa Wojno** (D-Warren) and co-sponsored by 12 others. Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Technology 3-1-05. Passed by the House and given immediate effect 3-1-06. Referred to the Senate Committee on Technology and Energy 3-2-06. Passed by the Senate and given immediate effect 4-27-06. Bill ordered enrolled 4-27-06. Presented to the Governor 5-1-06.

House Bill (HB) 4745 of 2005

This bill would amend the Nonprofit Health Care Corporation Reform Act to allow Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan to refuse to offer or provide a health care benefit on ethical, moral or religious grounds as reflected in its articles of incorporation or bylaws, or by an adopted mission statement. Amends Public Act (PA) 350 of 1980. Sponsored by Rep. **Scott Hummel** (R-DeWitt). Referred to the House Committee on Insurance 5-10-05. Passed by the House 4-26-06. Immediate effect defeated 4-27-06. Referred to the Senate Committee on Health Policy 5-2-06.

House Bill (HB) 4746 of 2005

This bill would amend the Insurance Code to allow commercial health insurance companies and health maintenance organizations (HMOs) to refuse to offer or provide a health care benefit on ethical, moral or religious grounds as reflected in its articles of

incorporations or bylaws, or by an adopted mission statement . Amends Public Act (PA) 218 of 1956. Sponsored by Rep. **Scott Hummel** (R-DeWitt). Referred to the House Committee on Insurance 5-10-05. Passed by the House 4-26-06. Referred to the Senate Committee on Health Policy 4-27-06.

House Bill (HB) 4790 (2005)

This bill would create a new act known as the Long-Term Health Care Savings Account Act to allow individuals to establish long-term health care savings accounts for the purpose of paying long-term health costs, including insurance premiums. Tie barred with HB 4791 of 2005 (which means neither bill can take effect unless both do). Sponsored by Rep. **Kevin Green** (R-Wyoming) and co-sponsored by eight others. Referred to the House Committee on Tax Policy 5-17-05. Reported with recommendation for referral to the House Committee on Insurance 4-26-06. Recommendation concurred in 4-26-06. Reported with recommendation with House substitute bill 4-27-06. Referred to second reading 4-27-06.

House Bill (HB) 4791 (2005)

This bill would provide an income tax deduction for contributions to, and distributions from, a long-term health savings account established pursuant to House Bill 4790. Amends Public Act (PA) 281 of 1967. Tie barred with 4790 of 2005 (which means neither of these bills can take effect unless both do). Sponsored by Rep. **Kevin Green** (R-Wyoming) and co-sponsored by eight others. Referred to the House Committee on Tax Policy 5-17-05. Reported with recommendation for referral to House Committee on Insurance 4-26-06. Recommendation concurred in 4-26-06. Reported with recommendation with House substitute bill 4-27-06. Referred to second reading 4-27-06.

House Bill (HB) 4870 (2005)

This bill would amend the Estate and Protected Individual Code to put into statute the order of priority in which adult survivors of a decedent have the right to possess the decedent's body and the power to make decisions about funeral arrangements, including decisions about cremation and the disposal of cremated remains. The bill would specify that a funeral home, that in good faith and after reasonable diligence, attempts to comply with the provisions added by the bill, would not be civilly liable in connection with the funeral arrangements provided or the handling or disposition of the body. Amends Public Act (PA) 386 of 1998. Tie barred with HB 4890 of 2005 and HB 4891 of 2005 (which means none of these bills can take effect unless all do). Sponsored by Rep. **Bruce Caswell** (R-Hillsdale) and co-sponsored by four others. Referred to the House Committee on Judiciary 6-7-05. House substitute bill adopted 5-3-06. Passed by the House 5-4-06.

House Bill (HB) 4891 (2005)

This bill would amend provisions in the Occupational Code dealing with funeral establishments to cite the new provisions in the Estates and Protected Individual Code (EPIC). Amends Public Act (PA) 299 of 1980. Tie barred with HB 4870 of 2005 (which means neither bill can take effect unless both do). Sponsored by Rep. **David Law** (R-West Bloomfield) and co-sponsored by six others. Referred to the House Committee on Judiciary 6-7-05. Amended 5-3-06. Passed by the House 5-4-06.

House Bill (HB) 5336 (2005)

This bill would create the Health Information Technology Commission which would be required to facilitate and promote the design, implementation, operation and

maintenance of an interoperable health care information infrastructure in the state. The bill would add to the Public Health Code a Part 25 entitled "Health Information Technology." The commission would be housed within the Department of Community Health. A 15-member commission would be appointed by the Governor. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Rep. Gary Newell** (R-Saranac) and co-sponsored by 39 others. Referred to the House Committee on Health Policy 10-19-05. House substitute bill adopted 3-14-06. Passed by the House and given immediate effect 3-15-06. Referred to the Senate Committee on Health Policy 3-16-06. Senate substitute bill as amended concurred in 4-20-06. Passed by the Senate and given immediate effect 4-20-06. Senate substitute bill concurred in by the House 4-26-06. Bill ordered enrolled 4-26-06. Presented to the Governor 5-1-06.

House Bill (HB) 5389 (2005)

This bill would amend the Social Welfare Act to require the Director of the Department of Community Health to designate and maintain locally and regionally-based single points of entry (SPE) for long-term care (LTC) to serve as visible and effective access points for individuals who seek LTC, and to promote consumer choice and quality in LTC options. The single point of entry agent for long-term care would serve as the sole agency within the designated single point of entry area to assess a consumer's eligibility for Medicaid long-term care programs using a comprehensive level of care assessment approved by the Department of Community Health. Amends Public Act (PA) 280 of 1939. Sponsored by **Rep. Rick Shaffer** (R-Three Rivers) and co-sponsored by 41 others. Referred to the House Committee on Senior Health, Security, and Retirement 11-1-05. Reported with recommendation with House substitute bill 5-2-06. Referred to second reading 5-2-06.

House Bill (HB) 5608 of 2006

This bill would enter Michigan into the Interstate Insurance Product Regulation Compact (including life and LTC insurance product regulation). This is said to be a model act developed by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC). Each "compacting state" has one member of the Compact Commission created by the compact, for Michigan the Commissioner of the Office of Financial and Insurance Services (OFIS). A state could withdraw from the compact by specifically repealing the statute this bill would create. Creates new act. Sponsored by **Rep. Barbara Farrah** (D-Southgate) and co-sponsored by 26 others. Referred to the House Committee on Insurance 1-24-06. House substitute bill adopted by the House 5-2-06.

House Bill (HB) 5661 of 2006

This bill would amend the Insurance Code to allow an automobile insurance company to offer a premium discount to drivers 50 years of age and older who successfully complete a traffic accident prevention driver safety course certified by the Secretary of State. The discount could be provided for three years after the completion of an initial course or refresher course. Amends Public Act (PA) 218 of 1956. Tie barred with HB 5663 of 2006 (which means neither can take effect unless both do). Sponsored by **Rep. Mike Nofs** (R-Battle Creek) and co-sponsored by 39 others. Referred to the House Committee on Insurance 2-9-06. Referred to second reading 4-27-06.

House Bill (HB) 5663 of 2006

This bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to require the Secretary of State to certify traffic accident prevention driver safety courses that meet certain criteria. Amends Public Act (PA) 300 of 1949. Tie barred with HB 5661 of 2006 (which means neither can take effect unless both do). Sponsored by **Rep. Tupac Hunter** (D-Detroit)

and co-sponsored by 23 others. Referred to the House Committee on Transportation 2-9-06. Reassigned to the House Committee on Insurance 2-14-06. Referred to second reading 4-27-06.

House Bill (HB) 5760 of 2006

This bill would amend the Public School Employees Retirement Act to extend until July 1, 2011 provisions that allows retired employees to work for certain school districts without a reduction in their retirement allowance. The current provisions are to expire on July 1, 2006. Amends Public Act (PA) 300 of 1980. Sponsored by **Rep. David Palsrok** (R-Manistee) and co-sponsored by eight others. Referred to the House Committee on Education 2-28-06. House substitute bill adopted and amended 3-30-06. Passed by the House 4-18-06. Referred to the Senate Committee on Education 4-19-06. Referred to the Senate Committee of the Whole 5-2-06.

House Bill (HB) 5762 of 2006

This bill would create the Long-Term Care Continuum Act, a new act which would incorporate many provisions currently found in the Public Health Code, as well as provisions from the Adult Foster Care Facility Licensing Act. Also creates a Long-Term Care Commission which would contain 25 voting members appointed by the Governor, and five non-voting ex-officio members. Creates new act and repeals sections of Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978 and Public Act (PA) 218 of 1979. Sponsored by **Rep. Barb Vander Veen** (R-Allendale) and co-sponsored by nine others. Referred to the House Committee on Senior Health, Security and Retirement 2-28-06. Reported with recommendation with House substitute bill 4-18-06. Referred to second reading 4-18-06.

House Bill (HB) 5836 of 2006

This bill would amend the Public Health Code so that the person with authority of disposition of the body and burial in EPIC would be cited in sections addressing consent for autopsies and anatomical gifts. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Tie barred with HB 5833 of 2006 and HB 5835 of 2006 (which means none of these bills can take effect unless all do). Sponsored by **Rep. Bruce Caswell** (R-Hillsdale). Referred to the House Committee on Judiciary 3-7-06. House substitute bill adopted 5-3-06. Passed by the House 5-4-06. Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary 5-9-06.

House Bill (HB) 5919 of 2006

This bill is a companion bill to HB 5762. It would revise the Public Health Code to eliminate provisions and make a number of technical revisions to reflect the creation of the Long-Term Health Care Continuum Act by HB 5762. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Tie barred with HB 5762 of 2006 (which means neither bill can take effect unless both do). Sponsored by **Rep. John Stahl** (R-North Branch) and co-sponsored by 16 others. Referred to the House Committee on Senior Health, Security, and Retirement 3-29-06. Reported with recommendation with House substitute bill 4-18-06. Referred to second reading 4-18-06.

Senate Bill (SB) 43 of 2005

This bill would amend the Income Tax Act to encourage doctors to practice in Michigan's medically underserved areas by giving them a tax credit for the first few years they practice in the community. Specifically, for tax years beginning after December 31, 2005, a qualified taxpayer with a full-time or part-time medical care practice could credit \$2,500 against the income tax for a maximum of three consecutive tax years. Amends Public Act (PA) 281 of 1967. Sponsored by **Sen. Samuel Thomas**

III (D-Detroit). Referred to the Senate Committee on Finance 1-25-05. Senate substitute bill concurred in 4-18-06. Passed by the Senate 4-20-06. Referred to the House Committee on Tax Policy 4-25-06.

Senate Bill (SB) 465 (2005)

This bill would require an individual licensed under the Public Health Code to maintain a record for each patient (as currently required of a health facility or agency); require the records maintained by a licensee or a health facility or agency to be kept for at least seven years, or longer is required by law or generally accepted standards of medical practice; require that a licensee or a health facility or agency that was unable to comply with the record maintenance requirements to contract with another provider or entity to do so; and establish a maximum \$10,000 administrative fine for a person who failed to comply with the record maintenance and disposal requirements if the failure were the result of gross negligence or willful and wanton misconduct. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Sen. Gilda Jacobs** (D-Huntington Woods) and co-sponsored by 16 others. Referred to the Senate Committee on Health Policy 5-5-05. Senate substitute bill concurred in 4-26-06. Passed by the Senate 4-27-06. Referred to the House Committee on Health Policy 4-27-06.

Senate Bill (SB) 466 (2005)

This bill would amend the Social Welfare Act to increase from six to seven years the length of time a provider must retain the health care records of an individual enrolled in Medicaid, and prescribe standards for the disposal of a Medicaid patient's medical records. Amends Public Act (PA) 280 of 1939. Sponsored by **Sen. Bruce Patterson** (R-Canton) and co-sponsored by 12 others. Referred to the Senate Committee on Health Policy 5-5-05. Senate substitute bill concurred in 4-26-06. Passed by the Senate 4-27-06. Referred to the House Committee on Health Policy 4-27-06.

Senate Bill (SB) 467 (2005)

This bill would amend the Public Health Code to provide for the confidentiality of information regarding genetic testing performed on an individual; restrict the disclosure of such information; and authorize sanctions to be imposed on a person who violated the bill's provisions. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Sen. Tom George** (R-Portage) and co-sponsored by 13 others. Referred to the Senate Committee on Health Policy 5-5-05. Senate substitute bill concurred in 4-26-06. Passed by the Senate 4-27-06. Referred to the House Committee on Health Policy 4-27-06.

Senate Bill (SB) 468 (2005)

This bill would amend the Freedom of Information Act to allow a public body to exempt from disclosure as a public record protected health information. Amends Public Act (PA) 442 of 1976. Sponsored by **Sen. Deborah Cherry** (D-Burton) and co-sponsored by 14 others. Referred to the Senate Committee on Health Policy 5-5-05. Passed by the Senate 4-27-06. Referred to the House Committee on Health Policy 4-27-06.

Senate Bill (SB) 838 of 2005

States have the option of providing Medicaid coverage to 19 and 20-year olds who have incomes that meet the Federal cash welfare or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) assets and income standards. States also have the option of covering a group generally known as Medicaid caretaker relatives. These are individuals, often grandparents, aunts or uncles who care for children who are not their own, and whose income is low enough to meet the cash welfare assets and income standards. This bill

would replace the reference to categorical eligibility for these two groups with a statement that eligibility would be subject to Title XIX of the Social Security Act, subject to limitations imposed by the Department of Community Health (DCH) Director. This would allow implementation of limited benefits if a federal waiver were granted pursuant to Title XIX. Amends Public Act 280 of 1939. Sponsored by **Sen. Robert L. Emerson** (D-Flint). Referred to the Senate Committee on Appropriations 10-25-05. Passed by the Senate 2-15-06. Referred to the House Committee on Appropriations 2-15-06. Passed by the House and given immediate effect 5-3-06. Returned to the Senate 5-3-06. Given immediate effect by the Senate 5-4-06. Bill enrolled 5-4-06.

Senate Bill (SB) 1039 of 2006

This bill would amend the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Revenue Equalization Act to allow a nonprofit organization that has sold an item at a charitable auction to claim a tax refund of 6% of the proceeds of the item over its fair market value. Amends Public Act (PA) 175 of 2004. Sponsored by **Sen. Michelle McManus** (R-Lake Leelanau) and co-sponsored by five others. Referred to the Senate Committee on Finance 2-8-06. Amendments adopted 4-26-06. Passed by the Senate 4-26-06. Referred to the House Committee on Tax Policy 4-26-06.

Senate Bill (SB) 1172 of 2006

This bill would amend the Emergency Telephone Service Enabling Act to delay the Act's 12-31-06 sunset until 12-31-07. Amends Public Act (PA) 32 of 1986. Sponsored by **Sen. Cameron Brown** (R-Sturgis). Referred to the Senate Committee on Technology and Energy 3-21-06. Referred to the Senate Committee of the Whole with a Senate substitute bill 5-9-06.

Public Acts (2005 – 2006)

Public Act (PA) 24 of 2005

House Bill (HB) 4188 of 2005

This bill amends the General Property Tax Act to increase from \$25,000 to \$35,000 the maximum household income of a taxpayer 62 years old, or older, who may defer the collection of summer property taxes, and to remove the income limit for other taxpayers eligible for the summer tax collection deferral. It amends Public Act (PA) 206 of 1893. Sponsored by **Rep. Tory Rocca** (R-Sterling Heights) and co-sponsored by 72 others, it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 5-23-05, and assigned PA 24 of 2005 with immediate effect.**

Public Act (PA) 72 of 2005

House Bill (HB) 4434 of 2005

This bill amends the Public Health Code to provide that pharmacies that shared a real-time, online database or other equivalent means of communication, or pharmacies that transferred prescriptions pursuant to a written contract for centralized prescription processing services, would not have to follow the procedure established in the Code to refill a copy of a prescription from another pharmacy. It amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Rep. Scott Hummel** (R-DeWitt) and co-sponsored by 82 others, this bill was tie-barred with SB 352 (which meant neither could take effect unless both did). It was **approved by Gov. Granholm 7-19-05, and assigned PA 72 of 2005 with immediate effect.**

Public Act (PA) 73 of 2005

Senate Bill (SB) 352 of 2005

This bill amends the Public Health Code to allow a pharmacy to perform centralized prescription processing services or outsource those services to another pharmacy if certain conditions are met. It amends Public Act 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Sen. Bill Hardiman** (R-Kentwood) and co-sponsored by 23 others, this bill was tie-barred with HB 4434 (which meant neither could take effect unless both did). It was **approved by Gov. Granholm 8-31-05, and assigned PA 73 of 2005 with immediate effect.**

Public Act (PA) 85 of 2005

House Bill (HB) 4405 of 2005

This bill amends the Public Health Code to eliminate the authority of a disciplinary subcommittee to impose sanctions against a pharmacist for employing the mail to sell, distribute, or deliver a drug that requires a prescription when the prescription for the drug is received by mail. It amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Rep. Gretchen Whitmer** (D-East Lansing) and co-sponsored by 63 others, it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 7-20-05, and assigned PA 85 of 2005 with immediate effect.**

Public Act (PA) 109 of 2005

House Bill (HB) 4436 of 2005

Appropriations; zero budget; supplemental appropriations; provide for fiscal year 2004-2005. This bill increases private funds authorization for OSA \$75,000 to recognize private contributions for administering the Farmers' Market Nutrition Program for Seniors, or Project FRESH. Federal funds support the food costs, and the administrative costs must be supported by the state and other contributors. It creates a new appropriations act. Sponsored by **Rep. Scott Hummel** (R-DeWitt), it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 9-15-05, and assigned PA 109 of 2005 with immediate effect.**

Public Act (PA) 114 of 2005

Senate Bill (SB) 348 of 2005

The General Property Tax Act requires local tax collecting units that collect a summer property tax to defer the collection, at the taxpayer's request, until the following February 15 for the principal residence of taxpayers with a household income of \$35,000 or less. To be eligible for the deferment, a taxpayer must be totally and permanently disabled, blind, paraplegic, quadriplegic, or an eligible serviceperson or an eligible veteran (or be the widow or widower of such a person). The deferment is also available to taxpayers who are at least 62 years of age, or the unremarried surviving spouse of a person who was at least 62 years of age at time of death. This bill eliminates the income requirement for these taxpayers, except for taxpayers who are at least 62 years of age, or the unremarried surviving spouse of a person who was at least 62 years of age at the time of death. For those taxpayers, the income threshold will increase to \$37,500 for the 2006 tax year and to \$40,000 for the 2007 tax year and beyond. It amends Public Act (PA) 206 of 1893. Sponsored by **Sen. Nancy Cassis** (R- Novi) and co-sponsored by four others, it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 9-21-05, and assigned PA 114 of 2005 with immediate effect.**

Public Act (PA) 147 of 2005

Senate Bill (SB) 271 of 2005

Appropriations; Family Independence Agency (now the Department of Human Services); provide for fiscal year 2005-2006. Creates a new appropriations act. Sponsored by **Sen. Martha Scott** (D-Detroit) and co-sponsored by one other, it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 10-5-05 with line-items vetoed, and assigned PA 147**

with immediate effect.

Public Act (PA) 154 of 2005

House Bill (HB) 4831 OF 2005

Appropriations; other; zero budget appropriations bill; provide for fiscal years 2005 and 2006. Creates a new appropriations act. Sponsored by **Rep. Scott Hummel** (R-DeWitt), it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 10-5-05 with line items vetoed, and assigned PA 154 with immediate effect.**

Public Act (PA) 161 of 2005

House Bill (HB) 4996 OF 2005

Under provisions of the Public Health Code, dental hygienists, under the supervision of a dentist, can now provide dental hygiene services to patients who have not first been examined by a dentist as part of a program for “dentally underserved” patients conducted by a local, state, or federal grantee health agency. This bill amends the Public Health Code to revise the criteria for designation as a grantee health agency to include, for example, a public or nonprofit entity, or a school or nursing home that administers a program of dental care to a dentally underserved population. It amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Rep. Barb Vander Veen** (R-Allendale) and co-sponsored by 36 others, it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 10-4-05, and assigned PA 161 of 2005 with immediate effect.**

Public Act (PA) 187 of 2005

House Bill (HB) 5055 OF 2005

This bill modifies the nursing home and hospital Quality Assurance Assessment Programs (QAAPs) to extend sunsets, reflect the amount of tax retained by the State, and changes the way the nursing home QAAP is assessed. The QAAP includes county-owned nursing homes for the first time. It amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Rep. Bruce Caswell** (R-Hillsdale), it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 10-27-05, and assigned PA 187 of 2005 with immediate effect.**

Public Act (PA) 338 of 2005

Senate Bill (SB) 529 OF 2005

This bill makes homestead facilities eligible for residential tax abatements under the Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Act. Before this bill became law, the act applied only to newly constructed and rehabilitated residential housing. This bill applies to other existing residences purchased since December 31, 1997. The homestead facility will receive a property tax abatement equal to one-half of the property taxes levied for operating purposes on the building by the local unit and the county. It amends Public Act 147 of 1992. Sponsored by **Sen. Martha Scott** (D-Highland Park), it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 12/31/05, and assigned PA 338 with immediate effect.**

Public Act (PA) 339 of 2005

Senate Bill (SB) 530 OF 2005

This bill makes homestead facilities eligible for residential tax abatements under the Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Act. Before this bill became law, the act applied only to newly constructed and rehabilitated residential housing. This bill applies to other existing residences purchased since December 31, 1997. The homestead facility will receive a property tax abatement equal to one-half of the property taxes levied for operating purposes on the building by the local unit and the county. It amends Public Act (PA) 147 of 1992. Sponsored by **Sen. Samuel Thomas III** (D-Detroit), it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 12-31-05, and assigned PA 339 with immediate**

effect.

Public Act (PA) 24 of 2006

House Bill (HB) 4670 of 2005

This bill amends the Public Health Code to allow an individual who is retired from the active practice of medicine, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or podiatric medicine, and who wishes to donate his or her expertise for the medical care and treatment of indigent and needy individuals or individuals in medically underserved areas of the state, to obtain a special volunteer license to practice by submitting an application to the applicable board. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Rep. Gary Newell** (R-Saranac) and co-sponsored by 22 others, it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 2-16-06, and assigned PA 24 of 2006 with immediate effect.**

Public Act (PA) 25 of 2006

House Bill (HB) 5375 of 2005

This bill amends the Public Health Code to provide for civil immunity for retired physicians who volunteer their services at a health facility or agency serving the medically indigent. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Rep. Gary Newell** (R-Saranac) and co-sponsored by 17 others, it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 2-16-06, and assigned PA 25 of 2006 with immediate effect.**

Public Act (PA) 26 of 2006

House Bill (HB) 5168 of 2005

This bill amends the Public Health Code to require an applicant for a health profession license or registration, or for reinstatement or reclassification of a license or registration, to undergo a criminal background check. In addition, the bill allows a licensing board for good cause to request a licensee or registrant to have a criminal background check. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Rep. Paula Zelenko** (D-Burton) and co-sponsored by 50 others, it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 2-16-05, and assigned PA 26 of 2006 with immediate effect.**

Public Act (PA) 27 of 2006

House Bill (HB) 5448 of 2005

This bill amends the mental health code to require criminal history checks on individuals seeking employment, an independent contract, or clinical privileges with a psychiatric facility or immediate care facility for people with mental retardation. Amends Public Act (PA) 258 of 1974. It is tie-barred with HB 5168, SB 621 and SB 622. Sponsored by **Rep. Barb Vander Veen** (R-Allendale) and co-sponsored by 47 others, it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 2-16-05, and assigned PA 27 of 2006 with immediate effect.**

Public Act (PA) 28 of 2006

Senate Bil (SB) 621 of 2005

This bill expands the requirements for criminal background checks for new employees at health facilities and agencies, as well as individuals seeking clinical privileges and independent contracts. It adds two sections to the Public Health Code that applies to a health facility or agency that is a nursing home, county medical facility, hospice, hospital that provides swing bed services, home for the aged, or home health agency. In each case, a request will be made to the Department of State Police to conduct a criminal history check and to forward fingerprints into the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) database, and to forward fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The State Police will have to request the FBI to make a determination of

any national criminal history pertaining to an applicant for employment. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. It is tie-barred with HB 5168, HB 5448 and SB 622. Sponsored by **Sen. Patricia L. Birkholz** (R-Saugatuck) and co-sponsored by six others, it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 2-21-06, and assigned PA 28 of 2006 with immediate effect.**

Public Act (PA) 29 of 2006
Senate Bill (SB) 622 of 2005

This bill expands the requirements for criminal background checks for new employees at foster care facilities, as well as individuals seeking clinical privileges and independent contracts. It amends the Adult Foster Care Facility. In each case, a request will be made to the Department of State Police to conduct a criminal history check and to forward fingerprints into the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) database, and to forward fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The State Police will have to request the FBI to make a determination of any national criminal history pertaining to an applicant for employment. Amends Public Act (PA) 218 of 1979. It is tie-barred with HB 5168, HB 5448 and SB 621. Sponsored by **Sen. Tony Stamas** (R-Midland) and co-sponsored by six others, it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 2-21-06, and assigned PA 29 of 2006 with immediate effect.**

Public Act (PA) 38 of 2006
House Bill (HB) 4606 of 2005

The bill amends the Public Health Code to require a health facility's or agency's policy describing patient or resident rights and responsibilities to include references to the Medical Records Access Act and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Rep. Stephen Adamini** (D-Marquette) and co-sponsored by one other, it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 3-2-06, and assigned PA 38 of 2006.**

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